

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claim 1 is rejected.

Claims 2-8 are objected to. Claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claims 1-8 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection and to further clarify the claim. Applicant also notes, with appreciation, the Examiner's assertion in the Office Action, that Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, as set forth in the Action. Approval is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

Since the Examiner indicated that the claim would be allowable if Claim 1 is amended responsive to the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, it is believed that all of the pending claims, namely, Claims 1-8, are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully petitions Commissioner for a one (1)- month extension of time,

extending the period for response to May 17, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 in the amount of \$60 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) small entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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